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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, SO, US  
SUBJ: SOMALI MILITARY DELEGATION TO US

1. FONMIN ABDURAHMAN BARRE SUMMONED ME JULY 28 TO SAY PRESIDENT SIAD WISHED TO SEND TWO-MAN SOMALI DELEGATION TO UNITED STATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS MILITARY WEAPONS LIST. FONMIN EMPHASIZED SERIOUSNESS OF SOMALI MILITARY NEEDS AT PRESENT. HE HOPED US COULD ASSIST SNA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. AMBASSADOR ADDOU ALSO SAT IN ON OUR CONVERSATION. ADDOU, WHO HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL OF SOMALI OFFICIALS, ALSO REITERATED URGENCY OF SOMALI NEEDS. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT HE FORESAW SUCH A POSSIBILITY DURING OUR CONVERSATION, OF JULY 23 (MOGADISCIO 1249).

3. FONMIN TOLD ME THAT SOMALI WEAPONS REQUEST WAS FIRST STEP IN POSSIBLE NEW MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH US. HE SAID SNA NEEDS MIGHT ULTIMATELY GO FAR BEYOND EQUIPMENT ALREADY REQUESTED BUT DURING PRESENT CRISIS SOMALI GOVERNMENT WAS IN DIRE NEED CERTAIN MILITARY ITEMS. HE HOPED THAT US

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RESPONSE WOULD BE TIMELY AT PERIOD WHEN DELAY OF EVEN TWO WEEKS MIGHT MEAN THAT HELP WOULD ARRIVE TOO LATE.

4. TO SAVE TIME, SIAD HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT TWO-MAN DELEGATION SHOULD PROCEED TO US AFTER LONDON CONSULTATIONS WITH BRITISH. TWO-MAN DELEGATION INCLUDES FORMER SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA AND SNA COLONEL WHO IS CURRENTLY IN

EUROPE, PRESUMABLY ON WEAPONS CONSULTATIONS. NAMES WILL BE FURNISHED ME LATER THIS AFTERNOON.

5. ADDOU WILL DEPART MOGADISCIO ON SUNDAY, JULY 31 AND HOPES TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON AUGUST ONE. TWO-MAN DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE SAME WEEK. THEY WOULD HOPE MEET WITH STATE AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS WEAPONS LIST ALREADY PROVIDED USG. ADDOU WILL CONTACT DEPARTMENT UPON HIS RETURN TO BEGIN ARRANGING ITINERARY.

6. FONMIN SAID THEIR DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WOULD FOCUS ON WEAPONS LIST ALREADY PROVIDED. WHEN I RAISED QUESTION AS TO SOMALI POSITION REGARDING VISIT OF US MILITARY DELEGATION TO SOMALIA, ADDOU SAID THAT THIS WAS DEFINITE POSSIBILITY FOLLOWING WASHINGTON TALKS. IN REPLY TO MY QUESTION, BOTH FONMIN AND ADDOU DENIED THAT ANY FOREIGN MILITARY DELEGATION CURRENTLY VISITING SOMALIA.

7. COMMENT: I BELIEVE VISIT OF TWO-MAN DELEGATION WILL BE USEFUL IN OBTAINING BETTER SENSE OF SNA NEEDS AS WELL AS ATTITUDES REGARDING US MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HAVING COMMITTED OURSELVES IN PRINCIPAL TO HELPING MEET SIAD'S DEFENSIVE NEEDS, WE COULD NOT DEFER DISCUSSIONS WITH SOMALIS WITHOUT RAISING QUESTION IN THEIR MIND AS TO SERIOUSNESS OF OUR INTENTIONS. I HOPE THAT DESPITE SHORT NOTICE DEPARTMENT AND DOD OFFICIALS CAN ARRANGE TO MEET WITH ADDOU  
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AND DELEGATION NEXT WEEK FOR TALKS ON SNA NEEDS AND ITS EXPECTATIONS REGARDING US.  
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